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PCT/JP03/00261  
- filed 15 January 2003

Re: Application of Toshiaki **SUZUKI**, Naoyuki **KAMATANI**, Junji **TANAKA**  
**"METHOD OF SPECIFYING SNP"**  
Our Ref.: 3883.021  
**Customer Number: 000041288**

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ this express request to immediately begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)).
- ☐ an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ a Japanese Language International Application with Japanese Search Report
- ☒ an English (translation of the) International Application.
- ☐ an English (translation of) Article 19 claim amendments.
- ☒ English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER) and Japanese language IPER.
- ☐ an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☒ Eight (8) Sheets of Formal Drawings
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment.

It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned can easily provide them upon request.

The Declaration and Power of Attorney will be filed at a later date.

The present application claims the benefit of the priority of PCT application No. PCT/JP03/00261 filed January 15, 2003 which is based on Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-042355 filed January 15, 2002 and Japanese Patent application No. 2002-213695 filed July 23, 2002.

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Respectfully submitted,

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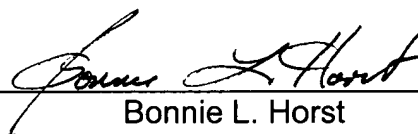
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing cover letter including the Japanese Language International Application, English Language translation, English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER) and Japanese language IPER, Preliminary Amendment, eight (8) sheets of formal drawings, payment of fee, and a stamped receipt post card are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. §1.10 on the date indicated and is addressed: **ATTN: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.**

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